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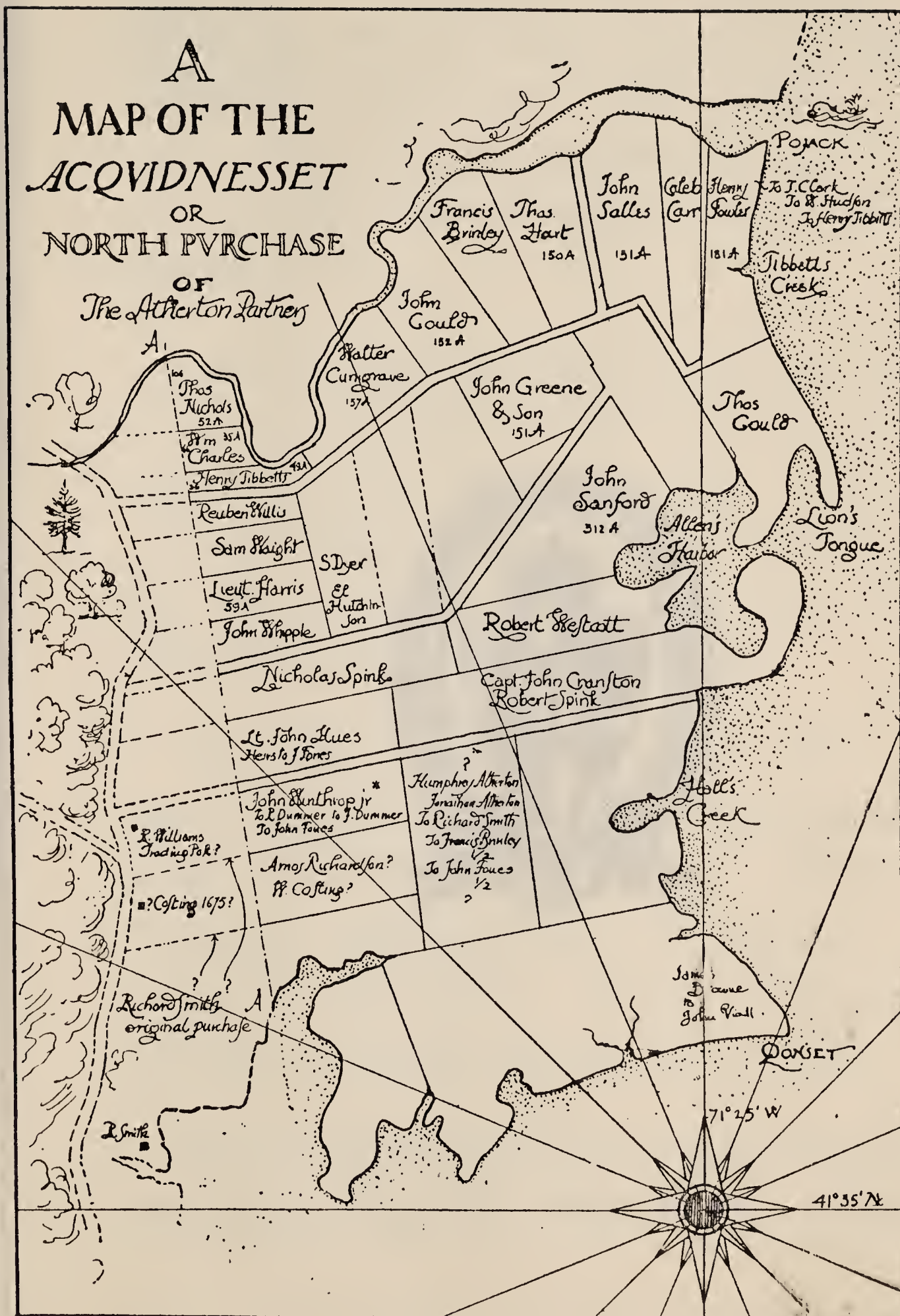
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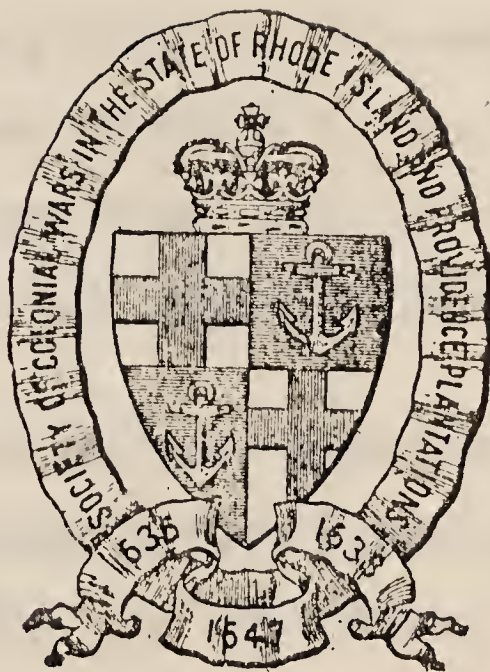
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EIGHT years ago your committee presented for the Annual Court Worthington's long lost maps of Boston Neck. This year it offers a map of Quidnesset or Acquidnesset, the so-called North Purchase of the Atherton Partners.

This map, though it is not original and has not of course the standing of Potter's copy of the former map, is yet a very valuable document. Without it the land transfers recorded in the Fones Records, and this is ever more true of these in North Kingstown, are very difficult to follow.

The history of the map is ancient. Many years ago it was printed in the Aylesworth Genealogy, from which Wm. A. D. Miner, a careful East Greenwich antiquary, made a drawing of it. The original is not known. From a tracing of his drawing, the present map has been compiled.

The line A-A indicates the western limit of the printed map and of Mr. Miner's copy. What this

means we do not know. We have dotted the present Post Road - the map does not indicate any other route for the Pequot Path - to show the relation between it and the roads on the map.

We have also put on the various lots any dates we had on later transfers. From this we can see that John Winthrop owned the land south of the North Kingstown Branch road. We have 140 acres on the map, about 100 rods on the front and 175 on the south. This would give him about 10 acres. But the space at the west is now the 10 acres. But this is in the air, for Winthrop in 1669 selling to a man, bounds on the road or common land west and Amos Richardson southerly, according to a plat thereof with other lands taken by Mr. Hutchison, if rightfully taken wherefrom we may judge that he was out some of his quantity. J. Dummer, however, in 1680, uses the same bounds. The importance lies in the tradition that Roger Williams owned the corner property and sold it with the trading post to Smith, a tradition which the deeds

in no wise support. This map shows, if the dotted line A - A is anything more than an accident, that Williams may have owned the corner. With 100 rods front, Winthrop needed 228 on the south line. The plat shows more than that. The A - A line thus looks like a line for dividing purposes.

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